

The following message was received from his excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS, }
AUSTIN, June 2, 1873. }

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate :

SIR: Herewith I return to the Senate, where it originated, the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution for the relief of Mrs. Belle Murray." It is disagreeable to have to object to such a bill as this, because the unfortunate lady for whose benefit it has been passed is doubtless in need of relief; but for all that, we must not allow our sympathies to take the course of opening the treasury of the State for this, there being no constitutional provision, or law or precedent, that will furnish us a tolerable excuse for such action.

I must, therefore, return the resolution and recommend that the same be reconsidered.

Very respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.